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The Coast files reached this office at 11:35 o'clock last night, but as usual the Advertiser is able to give its public—and that means the whole public—a very complete epitome of the news on time.

The hints of General Joubert's "cowardice" are now explained. The old warrior went to Pretoria, not from fear of the British, but because he was stricken with mortal illness. His death is one of the swift fatalities, lately occurring, which are bringing the Boer republics to their end.

This paper has received a translation of the name Bow Wong Wui—or Bow Hwang Whey, as the translator writes it. The meaning is Protect Emperor Association. What the Hawaiian Government is asked to do, therefore, is to charter a society which intends to meddle in the domestic politics of China. We feel at liberty to doubt that such a request will be acceded to.

The Advertiser's statements that the late Colonel Baker was the model for the statue of Kamehameha the Great and that he was educated at Lahaina are denied by two evening papers. The authority for the stories is Mr. Booth, son-in-law of the deceased. That gentleman says he has seen the photographs of Colonel Baker which the sculptor used. There is possibly an error of recollection in the matter of the schooling.

The Kaihi people are right in asking that School street shall be extended to their district. Save for King street, which is becoming a busy avenue of traffic and an artery of the new Japanese quarter, there is no thoroughfare now connecting the main part of the city with the attractive Kaihi suburb. If Chinatown is rebuilt on its old site the streets entering Kaihi from there will be more or less obnoxious. School street extension would afford a handsome residence boulevard which could not help but enhance Kaihi real estate values.

The merchants are not unjust in asking for monthly settlements. Since the plague began, the banks have limited loans and have made it impossible in many cases for merchants to extend more credit than is usual during good times elsewhere. Quarterly settlements, especially of retail accounts, impose a burden upon merchants which is hard to bear. There is really no reason why purchasers, who can pay at all, should ask for them; and as for those who cannot or do not intend to pay, they have no right to seek favors.

According to Professor Lyons the growing scarcity of artesian water is due in part to the prodigal use of it by rice plantation Chinamen. What water they draw from wells on this island, and which evaporates, would fill a reservoir twenty feet deep and a quarter of a mile across. With our growth in population it may become necessary to conserve the artesian supply by limiting the area of rice and taro patches—a proceeding, which might be legally carried out under the powers of the Board of Health to abate disease-breeding spots, the rice and taro swamps being recognized sources of malaria. Such a policy would not only prevent droughts at the drinking fountain but would abate the mosquito pest. The unpleasant feature of it is, of course, the effect upon the supply and price of staples which are in great demand.

COURT OF CLAIMS MUDDLE.

The action of the Council of State in tabling the appropriation bill which provided for the expenses of the Court of Claims will probably dissolve that body. By a two-thirds vote the bill could be taken from the table, but as the motion to put it there was unanimous, the chances of rescue may be considered nil. Rumor has it that one or two members of the Court are willing to serve without compensation, but the whole Court is not—one member having already resigned—and clerks, stenographers and pleaders must be paid. Hence the conclusion that the Court of Claims, as at present constituted, is done for.

What next? Mr. Achi's motion, now before the Council of State, is as follows:

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Council of State that the Executive orders of the President, published in regard to the Court of Claims, are unfair and unjust and must be changed.

This resolution was to have been discussed yesterday but it was not reached. It may be expected to come up at any time. Should it pass, the way would seem to be prepared for the Executive to begin all over again, issuing a new set of instructions and appointing a Court with the composition of which the Council of State could be satisfied.

TELEGRAMS CONDENSED.

News of Coast Files Abbreviated for Quick Reading.

Sugar—Raw, firm; refined, dull. Sugar will be made a native product.

Casey is playing in San Francisco. The training ship Adams is at San Diego.

The Filipino insurgents are again aggressive. The debate Porto Rico tariff bill will easily pass.

Rear Admiral Howell is about to ask for retirement. Senator Baird gets a place on Indian Affairs Committee.

Senator Rawlins of Utah says Quay will not be seated. An anti-Japanese labor movement is starting on the Coast.

Rain and snow have been welcomed in San Bernardino, Cal. Dr. Peters claims to have discovered King Solomon's mines.

Rabbi Wise of Cincinnati has been stricken with paralysis. Cambridge won easily in the Oxford and Cambridge boat race.

President Loubet has decided to free his assailant, Christiania. The Yukon will soon be free of ice and navigable next month.

Colonel Marceau of San Francisco and his wife will remarry. Col. Duvall's negro soldiers have been much admired in the Orient.

An Englishman is reported to have thrashed the Duke of Orleans. The transport service of the United States has cost about \$12,000,000.

Fourteen thousand people have already taken passage to Cape Nome. Kid Parker won his fight from Jack Daly at Denver in the second round.

Agunaldo writes that war is frightful and abandons the sword for the pen. The transport Victoria is laid up at Nagasaki with broken machinery.

Hundreds of Japanese are entering the United States now instead of Hawaii. The people of the Free State of Acre demand the withdrawal of Brazilian troops.

Fresno again proposes waterway to the San Joaquin river to permit passage of barges. The United States offers \$2,000,000 for Danish West Indies. Denmark wants \$4,000,000.

Automobiles are employed to tow barges on canal between Brussels and Charleroi. Ballington Booth's son's name will be changed. He is not to be called after the general.

"White slavery" investigations against the New York Juvenile Asylum have begun. Ex-United States Senator Charles H. Gibson of Maryland is dead. He was 57 years old.

The Venezuelan Government official report recent severe fighting near the city of Bolivar. Atlanta, Ga., doesn't want to entertain Dewey. He promised to come once and failed.

Viola Horlocke, accused of attempting murder by poisoned candy, has been found not guilty. The American Consul at Yokohama says Japan is no place for Americans seeking employment.

Transports leaving San Francisco on the 1st of every month will stop at Guam to deliver mail. Macrum could not affirm before House Committee, that British knew American cipher code.

There are war alarms in Southern Russia. Troops are arriving at Sebastopol from the interior. The San Francisco Call publishes a story to the effect that there has been no plague in Honolulu.

Commander Clover relieves Lieut. Commander Colwell as United States Naval attaché in London. Senator Teodoro Costillero is the first American Governor of the Batanes Group, P. I. He is a Filipino.

The formal transfer of interests and property of the partners has been made to the Carnegie Steel Co. A new Army department has been organized for the Philippines, known as the "Division of the Pacific."

Independent military organizations in the United States are favored by Inspector General Breckinridge. Thirty-six per cent of the total British revenue comes from liquor and only 20 per cent in the United States.

The bark Highland Light bound for Nanaimo put in to San Francisco, having been dismasted in a high cross sea. A party will go from the Lick Observatory to some Georgia point for the purpose of photographing the corona.

A British syndicate has placed an order for two million tons of American coal in Alabama. Price, 75 cents per ton. Ex-Kough Riders and New York Twenty-second Regiment men will receive two months' extra pay from the Government.

The continued maintenance of martial law in the Cour d'Alene mining country has been brought to the attention of Congress. The House committee on merchant marine and fisheries has approved the report on the shipping bill prepared by Chairman Grosvenor.

The Hamburg-American line S. S. Phoenixia recently brought 2,034 steerage passengers to New York, the largest number in many years. Rear Admiral Watson has sailed to Hongkong on the Brooklyn from Manila, where he will transfer his command to Rear Admiral Remy.

Three new armored cruisers are planned for the United States Navy. Speed will exceed twenty knots; sixty guns will constitute the battery. A one-fare round trip rate, plus \$2, has been made by western passenger railroads to St. Paul for the National Republican league convention July 17.

La Campagne Generale Transatlantique has commenced court proceedings to restrain by injunction actions growing out of La Bourgoynne disaster of 1898.

The Chinese General Para, who has been terrorizing and devastating the province of Pnyai has surrendered to Brig. Gen. Kobbe, who is taking him to Manila.

Jennie O'Neil Potter, an actress, dying and penniless in New York, has been befriended by Mrs. George Gould, who was once Edith Kingdon, an actress.

Captain Harry Walsh, of the Forty-seventh U. S. Volunteer Infantry, sentenced to dismissal at Manila for misconduct, will remain in the service by Presidential command.

The report of the board appointed to investigate the suicide of Lieut. Comm. Green of the Montgomery, was that it was due probably to the fear of a reprimand from Admiral Schley.

Acreas Edna May is announced to reappear in London in April and the papers are taking up the New York story of the alleged heirlooms of famous English families which are said to have been presented to her.

The eclipse committee of the Astronomical and Astrophysical Society of America has issued a letter to all astronomers soliciting co-operation in relation to the solar eclipse of May 28, that the best results may be obtained.

Military circles in London are puzzled by the appearance of a volunteer officer specially commissioned by the United States War Department to do what is generally considered to be the peculiar function of the military attaché, which post Colonel Sumner still formally holds.

PERKINS' SHIPPING CLAUSE.

The Hawaiian Amendment Rouses Opposition. WASHINGTON, March 30.—Considerable opposition has developed on the Pacific Coast, and particularly in San Francisco, to Senator Perkins' amendment to the Hawaiian bill, which was adopted by the Senate, applying the coasting navigation laws of the United States to all vessels plying between the islands and the mainland of the United States. There is also some opposition in the House to this same provision.

The owners of steamships plying between the United States and Oriental ports and touching at the Hawaiian Islands object to being closed out of the business of carrying passengers and freight between San Francisco and the Sound and Hawaii, as they have been doing in the past. The same objections have been raised by the steamship companies plying from Portland and Puget Sound. These steamship companies claim that passenger and freight rates to the islands would be advanced and the public inconvenienced if the coasting navigation laws should be applied because of the reduction of the number of vessels available for this trade.

The pilots of San Francisco have also been heard from. They say that they will not be able to collect any fees from vessels licensed to operate under the coasting trade laws of the United States. This hits them the harder because at present, although they render but little or no service to the captains of steamers regularly entering San Francisco and other ports, under the State law they are authorized to collect pilotage charges on all vessels engaged in foreign trade whether or not they board the vessels.

It was in the midst of his morning sermon, in which he had been discussing Christ's view of future punishment as he saw it illuminated and made clearer by the modern doctrine of evolution that Dr. Hills uttered this stinging sentence, which practically removed him from fellowship in his religious denomination, and may result in public proceedings against him.

To those clerical leaders of his church who have remonstrated with him for his liberal views in the past he addressed at the same time words that must bear into their consciences and never be forgotten. He quoted the words of the Presbyterian creed stating that certain men are preordained to everlasting death, being "particularly and unchangeably designed, and their number is so certain and definite that it cannot be either increased or diminished," and then said: "It would seem as if man would prefer to be burned at the stake rather than hold and charge such infinite cruelty upon an all-merciful and all-loving God."

"CUPID" AT THE COAST. The Chronicle Calls Him the Social Adonis of Hawaii. Prince "Cupid" J. Kalaniana'ole, the Adonis of the social beaux of Hawaii, arrived here yesterday evening in the steamship Australia from Honolulu, accompanied by his wife of a few months, and took apartments at the Palace hotel, registering simply and democratically "Mr. and Mrs. J. Kalaniana'ole, Honolulu. He is a younger brother of Prince David, who arrived here several months ago, and with him, was heir to an \$5,000,000. He is a nephew of the late Kapaemahu, Queen-dowager of the defunct Hawaiian monarchy, and of ex-Queen Liliuokalani, who is now in the East.

Prince "Cupid" is apparently about 32 years of age. He has the build of an ideal varsity half-back or tackle in that he is of medium height, broad of shoulder, deep of chest and broad, but his every movement and his naturally graceful poses are all very suggestive of a leonine tropical existence, without quick action or physical exertion. His face is rather inclined to be fat, and, with his heavy, drooping mustaches and laughing eyes, gives the impression that this "Cupid" is not blind to the pleasures of existence.

When he first came into his fortune he spent his money like a prince and even lost it like a good fellow. Prince "Cupid" says that he is making an extended pleasure trip, the main object of which is the Paris Exposition. He expects to stay here about a week. From Paris he will go on around the world, making the circuit in the opposite direction from that taken by his brother, Prince David. —Chronicle.

Archibald Forbes Dead. LIVERPOOL, March 30.—Archibald Forbes, the well known war correspondent, died in this city last night. He had been in bad health for some years, and during the last six months had been unable to do anything owing to complications arising from rheumatism and paralysis. His wife was a Miss Miles, daughter of the late quartermaster general of the United States, General M. C. Miles.

Heir to the Throne. LONDON, March 31.—(Afternoon Service).—The Duchess of York was accouched of a son this morning.

LONDON, March 31.—The child was born at York Cottage, Sandringham, at 7:30 o'clock this morning. The Duchess and infant are doing well.

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